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(Charles E. Miller)

Docket No.: V9661.0078

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Patent Application of: Joseph Peiris et al.

Confirmation No.: 4585

Application No.: 10/808,187

Art Unit: 1648

Filed: March 24, 2004

Examiner: M. Mosher

For: DIAGNOSTIC ASSAY FOR THE HUMAN  
VIRUS CAUSING SEVERE ACUTE  
RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (SARS)

New York, NY  
June 6, 2006

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Dear Sir:**

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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## **FEE CALCULATION**

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